

13. (Amended) An agent for removal by adsorption of a harmful substance, which comprises an adsorbent set forth in [any of claims] claim 1[-12].

18. (Amended) An agent for the removal by adsorption of a surplus nutrient assimilated in the digestive system, which agent comprises an adsorbent set forth in [any of claims] claim 1[-12].

19. (Amended) An agent for the removal by adsorption of the intermediate metabolite of alcohol formed in the digestive system in consequence of the assimilation of said alcohol, which agent comprises an adsorbent set forth in [any of claims] claim 1[-12].

Please cancel claims 21-23

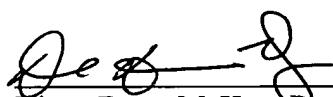
REMARKS

Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18 and 19 have been amended to cancel multiple dependencies. Attached is a clean copy of claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18 and 19. Claims 21-23 have been cancelled. Claims 1-20 are in this application.

Applicants believe that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicants assert that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of the Federal Circuit's recent decision in *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kohyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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